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SUBJ: PERSONNEL: TDY OF WILLIAM HOLDA

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1. IT IS LIKELY THAT SEABEE TEAM WILL ARRIVE LENINGRAD ABOUT DECEMBER

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TO SPEND ESTIMATED EIGHT OR NINE WEEKS ON CONSTRUCTION IN OFFICE BUILDING. WE FEEL IT IMPERATIVE TO PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE SUPERVISION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THIS CRITICAL FINAL PHASE.

2. WILLIAM HOLDA IS CLEARLY BEST QUALIFIED PERSON TO UNDERTAKE THIS IMPORTANT FUNCTION. HE HAS DEVELOPED COMPLETE WORK SCHEDULE AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. HOWEVER, HIS TDY ASSIGNMENT WILL END ABOUT DECEMBER 15 AND HIS REPLACEMENT (RUDOLPH WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL MID FEBRUARY AFTER COMPLETING LANGUAGE TRAINING.

3. I DO NOT THINK RUDOLPH SHOULD COME EARLIER; HE WILL NEED ALL THE RUSSIAN HE CAN LEARN. BESIDES, HE DOES NOT HAVE HOLDA'S FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT. AT SAME TIME, I UNDERSTAND HOLDA'S INSISTENCE ON GETTING BACK TO WASHINGTON BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

4. TO GIVE US EXPERT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE SUPERVISION OF SEABEES THAT WE MUST HAVE, I STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE ORDERS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLDA PERMITTING HIM TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 15

BUT THEN TO COME BACK TO LENINGRAD ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 5 FOR
FURTHER TDY PENDING COMPLETION OF SEABEE WORK (PROBABLY FIRST
WEEK OF FEBRUARY).

5. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS RECOMMENDATION WITH HOLDA. HE AGREES
THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION TO PROBLEM AND IS PREPARED TO
RETURN TO LENINGRAD FOR PERIOD INDICATED.
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